Messrs. B. Narayanareddi and Chikkanarasareddi (Bagepalli Taluk).—

Q.—**43.** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The income and expenditure of the Kolar District Board Railway for 1923-24.

(2) How were they classified?

(3) What portion, if any of the capital outlay has been realised so far from the railway earnings?

(4) Is it a profitable concern to the Board?

(5) Can Government permit the assumption of the management of this railway by the State and return the capital to the Board?

Second Member.—

A.—1. Income Rs. 2,53,102.
Expenditure Rs. 2,24,900.
2. *Vide* statement attached.
3. No.
4. Not yet.
5. No.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Narayanareddi.—

With reference to Appendix 9 will it be possible for Government to give details under each head?

Dewan.—

If details are asked for, they can be supplied.

Mr. Narayanareddi.—

On what basis are the figures given in the statement compiled?

Railway Secretary.—

They are compiled on the *pro rata* basis of income and expenditure.

Mr. Narayanareddy.—

Why not include this railway in the State Lines and return our money?

Dewan.—

Let the District Board consider the question and send their resolution.

Mr. Devoji Rao.—

Was there any profit from the Kolar District Railways in any year?

Secretary, Local and Legislative Departments.—

No.

Mr. Devoji Rao.—

How long has this state of things been going on?

Dewan.—

Ever since its commencement.

MR. G. RAMAPPA (Srinivaspur Taluk).—

Q.—**44.** (*a*) Are the Government aware that in the recent revision settlement, the dry lands on which the grafted mango trees are grown, are classed as garden lands and Bagayet assessment is levied on them?

(*b*) Are the Government also aware that it is not fair and just to class them as garden lands, as these trees are grown without any permanent source of water and also they are grown at an enormous cost?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to issue necessary instructions to the Survey Department to classify them as dry and not as garden lands?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

A.—(*a*) They are classed as gardens in the registers of the Survey department: but are assessed at rates not higher than the maximum rates levied on dry lands in the taluk.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to clause (*a*), these questions do not arise.

MR. M. NARASINGA RAO (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Q.—**45.** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether the estimate for the repairs of the major tank of Gattu Madamangala village, Dasarahosahalli hobli, Bowringpet Taluk has been submitted to Government for sanction?

(2) Whether necessary allotment of funds has been proposed to be made for its repairs in the Budget Estimates for the year 1925-26?